

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Public Workshop Regarding Buy-Down Incentives for Natural Gas and Propane Vehicles

The staff of the California Energy Commission will hold a public workshop to present and receive public comment on the draft Program Opportunity Notice for Buy-Down Incentives for Natural Gas and Propane Vehicles. Vice Chair James D. Boyd, Lead Commissioner for Transportation, may be in attendance. Other Commissioners also may attend and participate. The public workshop will be held:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

10 a.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room B

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents

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<http://www.energy.ca.gov/altfuels/index.html>.

Purpose

The Energy Commission is proposing to release a new Program Opportunity Notice (PON) for Buy-Down Incentives for Natural Gas and Propane Vehicles. Approximately \$16 million will be available through this PON for incentives to buy-down the high initial price of new on-road light-, medium-, and heavy-duty natural gas and propane vehicles. Staff is seeking input from natural gas and propane vehicle manufacturers, upfitters, dealers and distributors as well as other stakeholders and the general public on the draft PON. The draft PON will be posted on the Energy Commission's website before the workshop.

Specific issues on which the Energy Commission seeks feedback include:

- How upfitters, if included as eligible applicants, can document the sale of a vehicle;
- How eligible applicants can document the lease of a vehicle to demonstrate that the lessee is receiving the full benefit of the incentive;
- Whether conversions and re-powers should be included as eligible "new vehicles;"

- How much of the vehicle must be “completed” to be considered a whole and eligible vehicle; and
- What type of document can demonstrate a binding purchase for vehicles with delayed delivery (e.g., invoice, signed purchase order, contract, etc.).

Stakeholders and the other participants may raise other issues and comments at the workshop.

Background

Assembly Bill 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007) established the Alternative and Renewable Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program at the Energy Commission to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies. The Energy Commission has an annual program budget of approximately \$100 million.

The statute also requires the Energy Commission to adopt an investment plan to determine funding priorities and opportunities. The Energy Commission adopted its most recent investment plan on September 7, 2011. A copy of the *2011-2012 Investment Plan for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program* can be found at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2011publications/CEC-600-2011-006/CEC-600-2011-006-CMF.PDF>.

Written Comments

In addition to comments provided during the workshop, staff is encouraging stakeholders and the public to submit written comments on the draft PON, both before and after the workshop. Written comments must be submitted by **4 p.m. on December 5, 2011**. Written comments may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Debbie Jones
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
Attn: “Comments on Draft PON-11-603”
1516 Ninth Street, MS-44
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Energy Commission also encourages comments by electronic mail (e-mail). Those submitting comments by e-mail should include “Comments on Draft PON-11-603” and their name in the subject line and provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to Buydownincentives@energy.state.ca.us.

Staff will prepare a set of questions and answers based on the comments submitted. The questions and answers will be posted on the Energy Commission’s website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/index.html> under PON-11-603. Eligible applicants are asked to review these questions and answers and the final PON carefully before submitting a Buy-Down Incentive Reservation Form.

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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

If you have questions on the draft PON, please contact Debbie Jones of the Fuels and Transportation Division at the Energy Commission at (916) 654-4631 or by e-mail at djones@energy.state.ca.us.

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Date: November 18, 2011

Mail Lists: Transportation, Alt Fuels